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**SUBJECT: SS OBERSTURMFÜHRER ADOLF EICHMANN - CHIEF OF GROUP IV B 4 OF  
THE REICHSSICHERHEITSHAUPTSTAB, THE SO-CALLED JUDENREFERAT**

1. SS Ostuf Adolf EICHMANN (not to be confused with Wilhelm or Ingo EICHMANN, also a member of the Reichssicherheitsamt) has not been apprehended yet. There are strong indications that he is still alive and practically none that he has committed suicide. His capture should be high up on the agenda of Allied law enforcement agencies. It was EICHMANN who fed a never ending stream of Jews into the extermination mills at AUSCHWITZ, SAUTHAUSEN, etc. He was chief advisor to SS Obergruppenführer RUELLER, Amtschef IV RSHA, and to KALTEBRUNNER on Jewish affairs. His so-called Sonderkommandos, committed whenever Germany decided to "solve" the Jewish problem in one of her satellite countries, (Hungary, Denmark) had the function of setting up the machinery for corralling Jews and shipping them to the various extermination camps of Europe.

2. EICHMANN is a native of LINZ in Austria. Reports to the effect that he was born in Palestine are incorrect. In fact, he visited that country before the outbreak of the war under an assumed name in order to study the Jewish problem. He had a fluent command of Yiddish and liked to show off his proficiency whenever he came in contact with his prospective victims.

3. EICHMANN's parents still live in LINZ. They are devout Roman-Catholics and when questioned by an MIS officer in July last year disclaimed all knowledge of their son's whereabouts. They characterized him as the "black sheep" of the family.

4. EICHMANN was seen the last time during the first week of May 1945 in ALT AUSSEE, Austria. Apparently he planned to join the remnants of the RSHA, consisting of Gruppe VI 3 and political espionage service of the SD responsible for the South-East of Europe and KALTEBRUNNER. There has been a great deal of contradictory evidence as to the exact purpose of EICHMANN's visit and the position he had been slated for. Suffice it to say, that his presence caused the most acute embarrassment to KALTEBRUNNER and his brain-trusters who at that time were busily engaged in facing the advancing American Army with the fait accompli of an Austrian Government, presumably headed by KALTEBRUNNER himself assisted by Dr. ELBACHER et al. Especially GOETTL was keenly aware of the fact that the presence of EICHMANN might seriously impair the prospects of the KALTEBRUNNER Government and it was therefore decided to get rid of him as fast as possible. This was accomplished in due order, EICHMANN leaving ALT AUSSEE in high dudgeon. GOETTL met him around the 3th of May 1945 in the streets of ALT AUSSEE. Another worthy of the RSHA, one SS Hauptsturmführer ZEISCHKA claims to have seen EICHMANN at Blana Altm, a well known bar just outside ALT AUSSEE (on the so-called Promenade) between that town and BAD ISCHL, two days before the Americans

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occupied ALT AUSSEE (p. 144).

5. GOETTSCH, another prominent NSDA officer, instructed WEISBERG to maintain liaison with EICHMANN in order to play him into the hands of the Allies. For some reason this plan misfired. SS STURM ABTEILUNG, the chief of VI E, tried to palm off Maria SIMA, former Iron Guard captain (also an ALT AUSSEE REFUGEE) on EICHMANN, but she latter refused very brusquely.

6. HOETTL, who had known his fellow Austrian EICHMANN for many years, was questioned in detail by AB 31 on possible leads to EICHMANN's post-war plans. HOETTL recalled that in September 1944, at that time the Jewish problem was "solved" in Hungary, EICHMANN, seeing signs of Germany's impending defeat, exclaimed that he would never be caught alive, because he knew that he could not expect any mercy if the Allies should capture him. EICHMANN also stated that he, being an experienced Alpine, could if necessary be hiding for years, thus evading capture. When EICHMANN was last seen, in ALT AUSSEE, the latter gave no indication of turning in the towel. His attitude was one of defiance and he vowed to retire into the mountains with a group of young SS men "whom I can trust". HOETTL believes that EICHMANN will take his life only when he realizes that the jig is up.

7. In our search for leads to the person who was a member of EICHMANN, the following pertinent information has been obtained:

a) EICHMANN was married. His wife and two little children have been reported as of June 1944 to be hiding out in the American zone of Austria under an assumed name. In April 1944 EICHMANN and his family passed through LINZ. Frau EICHMANN and her children had left their residence in GRAZ. EICHMANN's parents should be in a position to give in location their present whereabouts.

b) EICHMANN kept a mistress, a woman in whom he placed implicit trust, so he told HOETTL who is unable to recall her name. HOETTL believes that the woman in question played a part in some dubious transaction back in 1943 (?) when EICHMANN headed the so-called Auswanderungszentrale in LINZ, a euphemistic designation for a Gestapo-sponsored organization which stripped Jews of their belongings before forcing them into emigration. At that time disciplinary action had been taken against EICHMANN on charges that he had appropriated funds of the Auswanderungszentrale in using them for the purchase of a medium-size factory (producing roofing material?) situated in Upper-Austria vic LINZ, which belonged to his mistress. It should be possible to reconstruct this transaction from the records of the Chamber of Commerce in LINZ, because there are not too many factories in that area. SS Stabschefmüller SCHULZ, HIMMLER's special representative in Hungary who claims to have convinced his boss that five Jews are a commercial asset, also knew EICHMANN well. He was interrogated by AB 31 in January 1944 and substantially confirmed HOETTL's story, adding the following information: In April or May 1944, a Dr. Wilhelmschmidt, a high-ranking member of the Allgemeine SS with offices off Kurfuerstenstrasse, invited EICHMANN with a Frau LIEBE who, SCHULZ stated, contained, was EICHMANN's mistress. Both HOETTL and SCHULZ agreed that EICHMANN, if he is in hiding somewhere in Austria, will try to keep in touch with his mistress rather than with his family and that for this reason establishing her identity and her present whereabouts might materially aid in locating him.

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c) The former Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei SS Standartenführer GESCHKE, who is in American hands, knew EICHMANN well and was intimately acquainted with his personal habits. It might be worthwhile to question him.

8. PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

Age: about 40 years; height: 1.70 m; very small, bony face; big nose, big ears; sunken cheeks; short, dark, sparse hair with bald temples; slender build; does not speak with an Austrian accent and can easily be taken for a North German. Has an unpleasant, exaggerated laugh. When talking, his cheekbones move constantly. Has a nervous twitch. Constantly under alcohol. Always carries a poison ampulla on his person. Desperate type who, if cornered, will try to shoot it out. Resourceful Alpinist. Present whereabouts: Probably Austrian Alps. Unlikely that he can be found in an Alp Hut. Presumably frequently changing his location.